

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A disposable barrier for a laboratory splash pan having a tray-like base, a raised closed end portion, and an elevated lip, comprising:

a non-porous rigid disposable insert, having a tray-like base, a raised end portion, wherein said portion encompasses a back wall and sections of two side panels contiguous with said back wall, and an elevated lip, shaped to provide protection to the interior surface of both the tray-like base and the raised closed end portion of the laboratory splash pan; and,

an extended perimeter means formed in said insert for overlying and protecting the elevated lip of the laboratory splash pan.

2. - 24. (canceled)

25. (previously presented) A disposable barrier as recited in claim 1, wherein said extended perimeter means includes a foldable flap extending around a perimeter of the tray-like base, so as to be folded over the elevated lip of a splash pan.

26. (currently amended) A disposable barrier for a laboratory splash pan having a tray-like base, a raised closed end portion, and an elevated lip, comprising:

a non-porous rigid disposable insert, having a tray-like base, a raised end portion, wherein said portion encompasses a back wall and sections of two side panels contiguous with said back wall, and an elevated lip, shaped to provide protection to the interior surface of both the tray-like base and the raised closed end portion of the laboratory splash pan;